



PENSACOLA BAY BRIDGE

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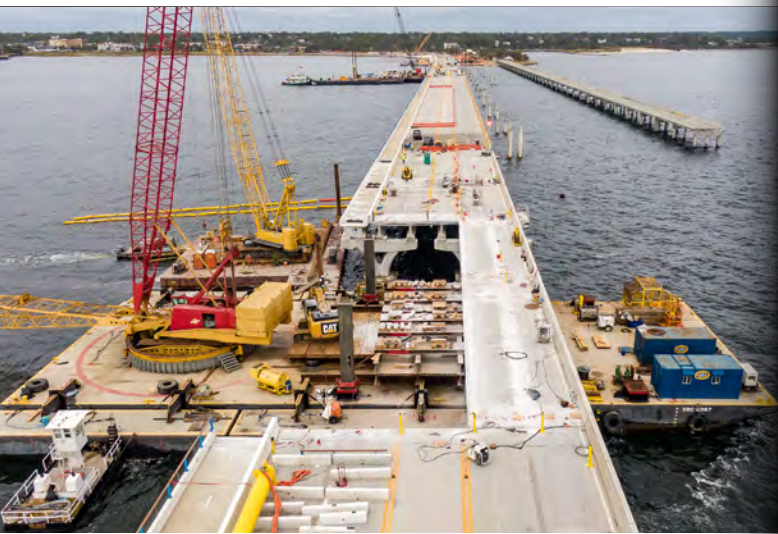
Construction crews are working around the clock to repair the storm-damaged Pensacola Bay Bridge and restore traffic for this vital transportation link by March 2021. The bridge has been closed since mid-September after 27 construction barges escaped their moorings during Hurricane Sally. Four barges were lodged under the bridge contributing to the significant damage.

Since that time, commuters have relied on the State Road 281/Garcon Point Bridge and State Road 87 for travel between Gulf Breeze and Pensacola. Tolls on the Garcon Point Bridge are currently suspended through Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020.





PENSACOLA BAY BRIDGE REPAIRS CONTINUE

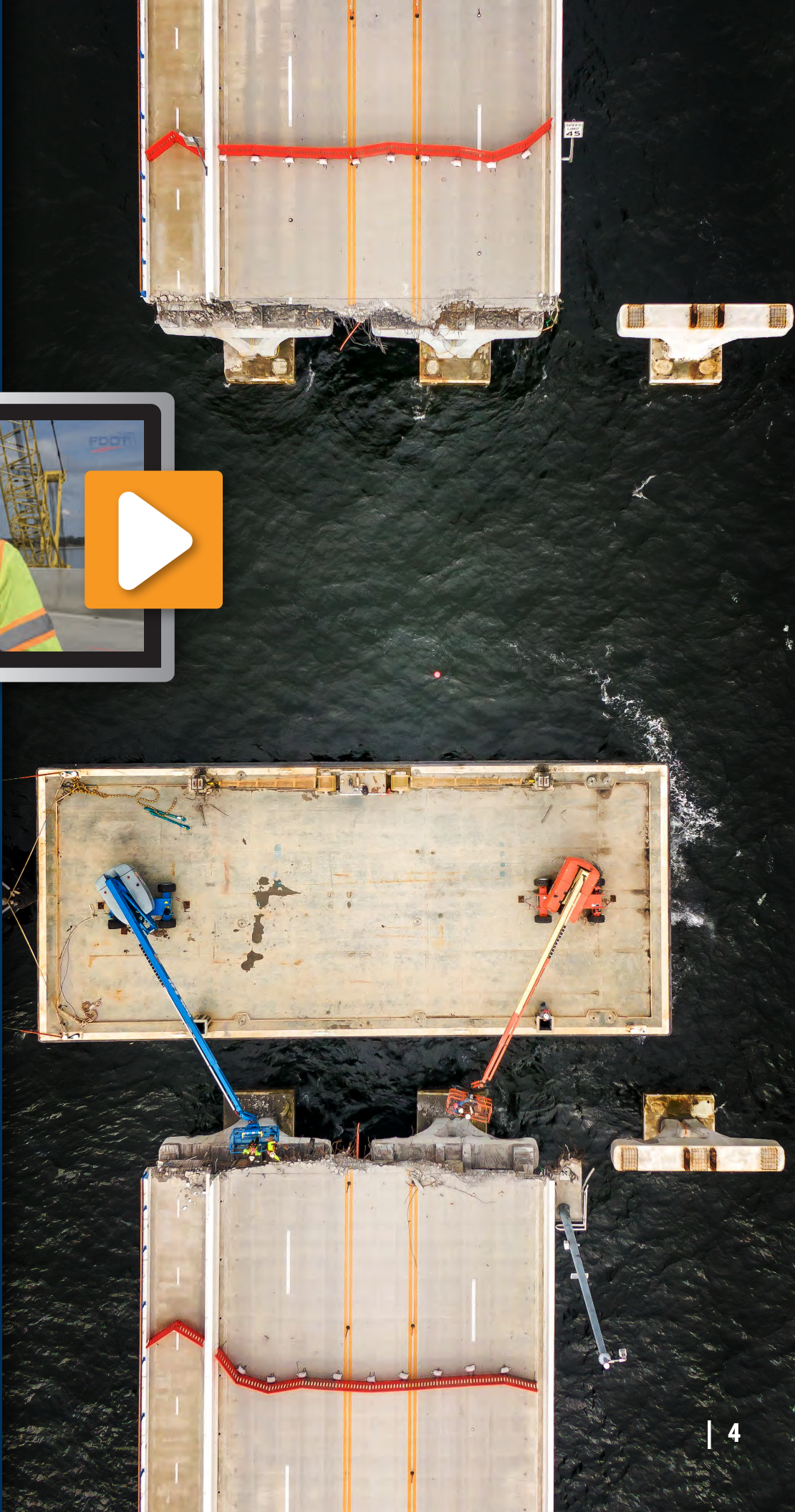


Two additional bridge contractors and four salvage companies, mobilized by FDOT, are focusing their efforts on the outermost spans of the bridge to facilitate construction and minimize impacts to the existing structure. To date, more than 300 additional workers have been brought in to increase resources needed for demolition and reconstruction, salvage and pile operations, and concrete fabrication.



FDOT has approved multiple construction design plans and is reviewing others for the permanent repairs needed to reestablish four lanes of traffic by the targeted reopening in March 2021. The bridge will be reopened without vehicle weight restrictions and with the full 75-year design life.



A video player thumbnail featuring a man in a pink hard hat and a yellow safety vest. The background shows a construction site with a yellow crane. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'BRIDGE' and 'FCOTI'. A large white play button is centered over an orange square. Below the video frame, the text reads:

Brett Pielstick, P.E.
CEI Program Director

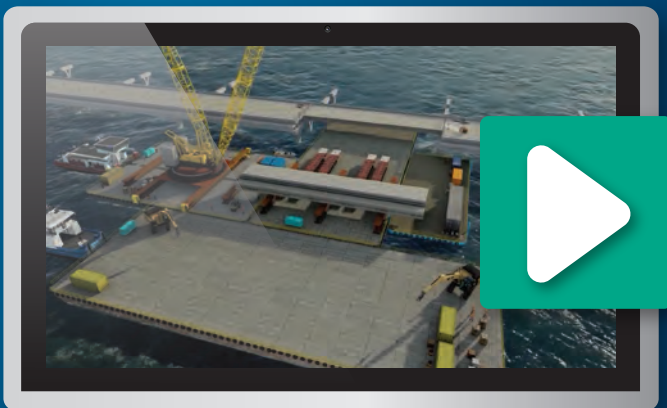
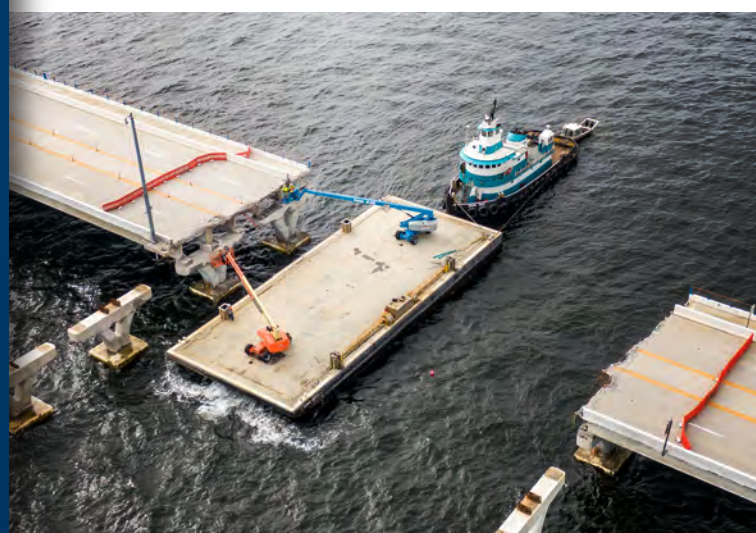
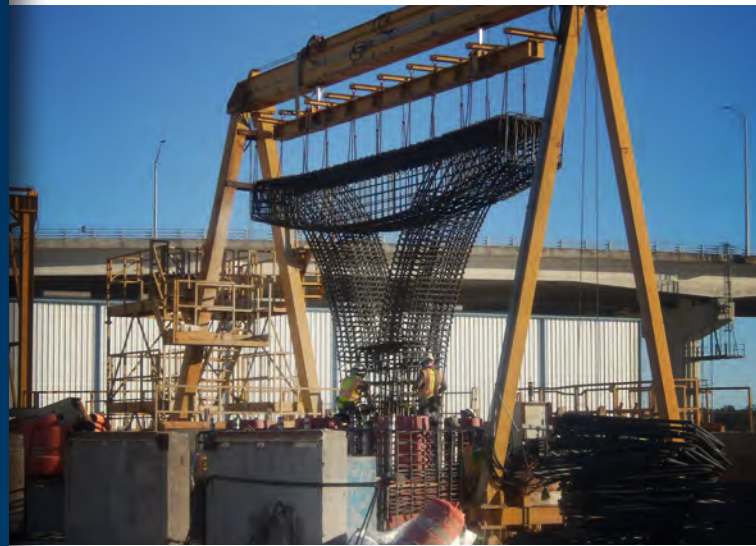
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PENSACOLA BAY BRIDGE
RECOVERY EFFORTS.



A WORK IN PROGRESS

The fabrication of multiple concrete piles, piers, and beams continues in preparation for reconstruction. The inventory of concrete piles and beams is increasing with production coming from the Pensacola precast yard on Bayou Chico as well as a precast facility in Tampa.

Work also continues on the westbound (Gulf Breeze to Pensacola) bridge that sustained minor damage during the storm, the U.S. 98 approaches in Gulf Breeze, and the new 17th Avenue interchange in Pensacola.



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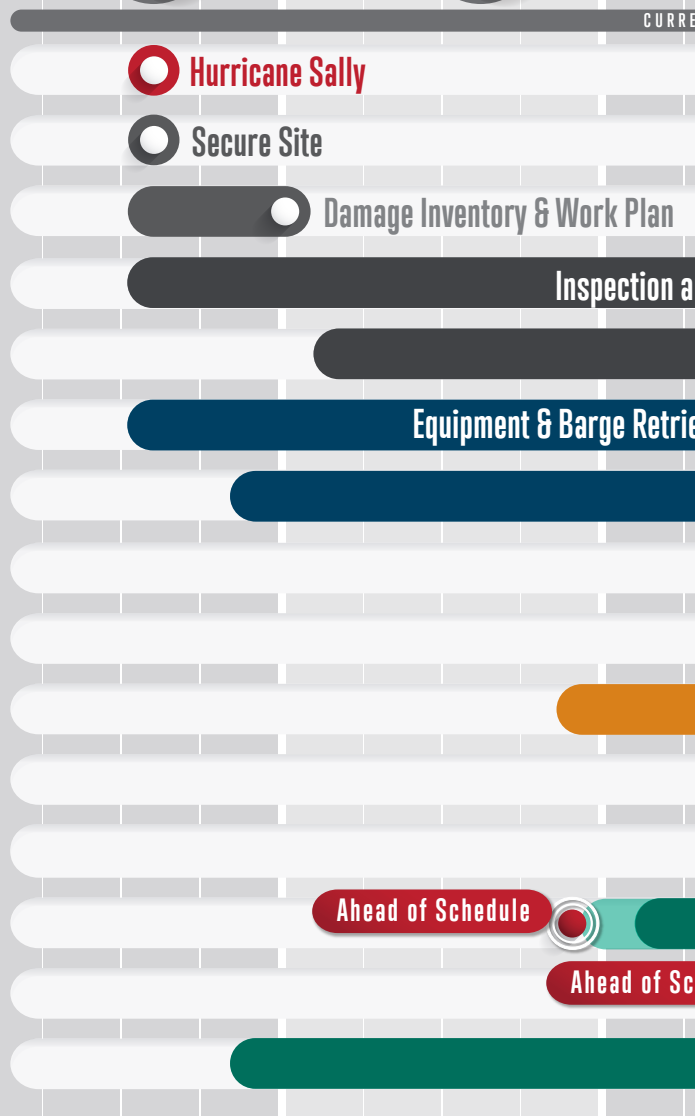
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Eastbound (Pensacola to Gulf Breeze) bridge repairs are estimated for completion in March 2021. The accompanying graphic depicts progress on inspecting the structure, demolishing the most heavily damaged sections, and making needed repairs. Also shown is progress on fabricating the new concrete components that will be used in reconstructing the bridge.

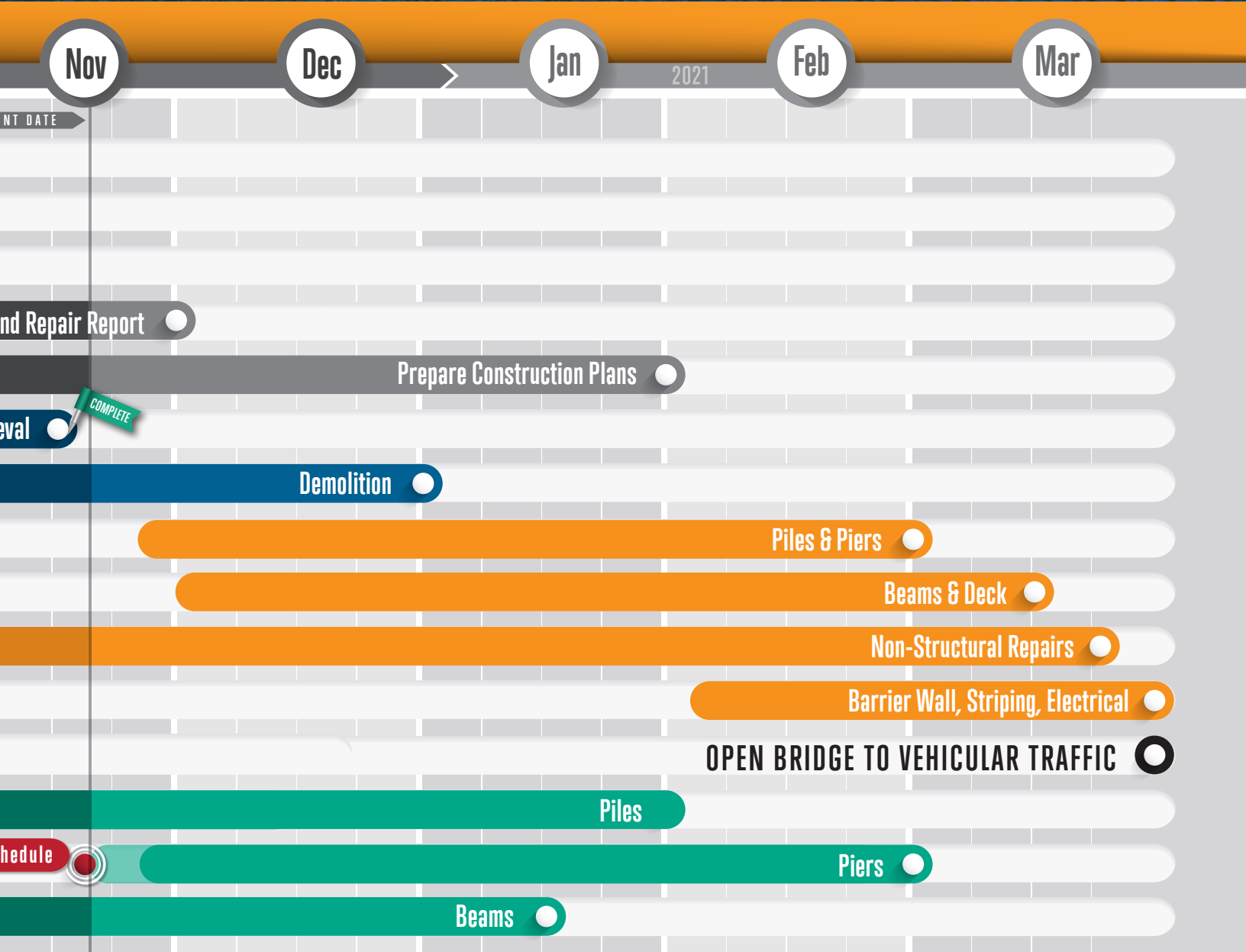


BRIDGE REPAIR PLAN
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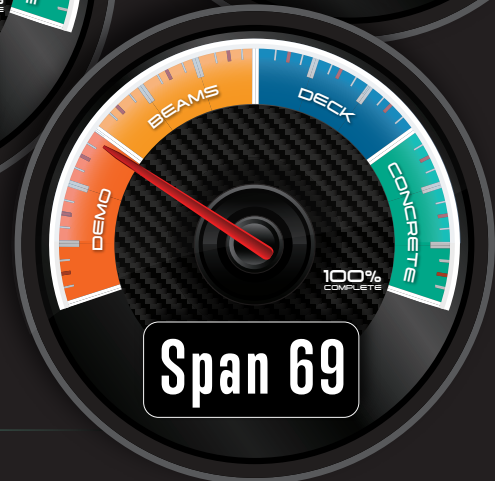
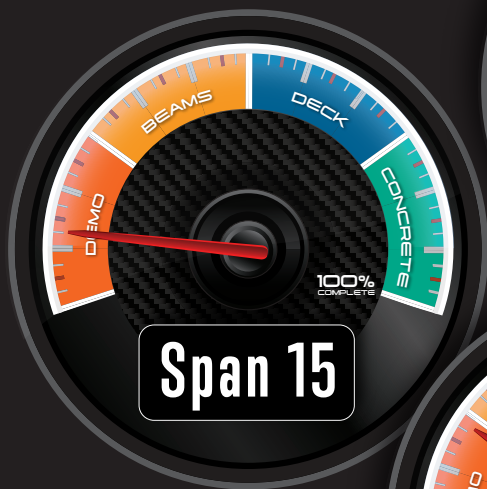
REPAIR SCHEDULE





DAMAGED SPAN FULL-

Multiple spans of the eastbound bridge were damaged during Hurricane Sally. These spans are currently being demolished, with beam and deck construction and concrete finishing planned in the weeks ahead.



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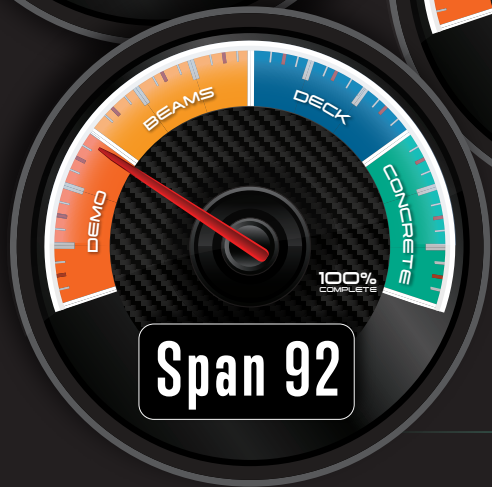
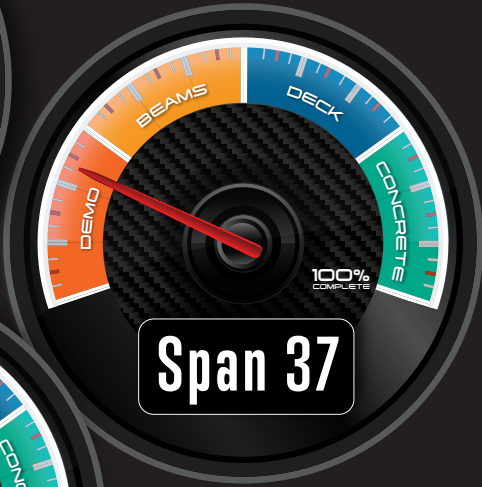
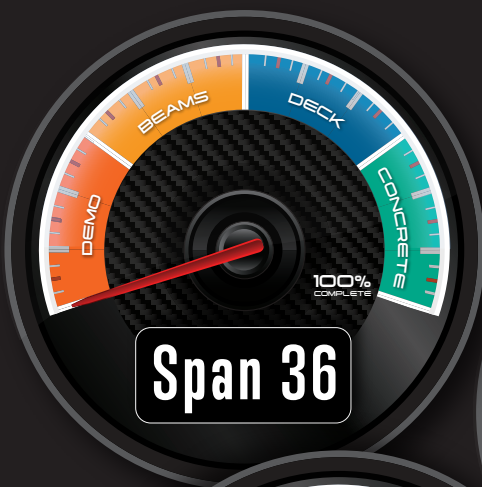
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REPLACEMENT PROGRESS



- Demolition
- Beam Construction
- Deck Construction
- Concrete Finishing

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BARGE RECOVERY UPDATE

A total of 27 construction barges detached from their moorings during Hurricane Sally. Multiple barges struck the bridge resulting in significant damage. Four of these vessels became entangled in the structure. Thus far, three have been successfully removed and work continues to free the fourth.

Barge recovery is a delicate process that requires crews to safely remove the vessels without causing additional structural damage.

The remaining 23 barges have been successfully recovered from the waters of Pensacola and Escambia Bays.



3 out of **4** recovered from under the bridge

23 out of **23** off-site barges recovered

FDOT COMMUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Florida Department of Transportation is promoting a new commuter assistance program with potential benefits for drivers impacted by the current closure of the Pensacola Bay Bridge. The RideOn Commuter Services program is a free, fast, and secure way to connect with neighbors and colleagues to set up carpools, identify bus routes, or develop other transportation strategies.

Fully funded by the Florida Department of Transportation District Three, the RideOn Commuter Services program is free to residents of the 16-county Northwest Florida district that includes both Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.



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FREE BUS SERVICE

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in partnership with Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT), has established a free bus service between Pensacola, Pensacola Beach, and Gulf Breeze. The bus service will help relieve traffic congestion on the S.R. 281/ Garcon Point Bridge detour.



The service begins at the ECAT Transfer Center, located at 1515 W. Fairfield Drive, at 6 a.m. and ends at Palm Beach Club, located on Pensacola Beach, with the last stop at 8:50 p.m.

The route from Pensacola Beach starts at Pensacola Beach Club at 6:05 a.m. and ends at the Pensacola Bay Center at 8:20 p.m. Buses will stop at Tiger Point Community Center, Gulf Breeze Hospital, the Boardwalk, and the Palm Beach Club. The route is approximately 43 miles, and riders should expect a trip of approximately one hour.

-  **ECAT Transfer Center**
1515 W Fairfield Dr., Pensacola
-  **Pensacola Bay Center
Park & Ride Lot**
121 East Gregory St., Pensacola
-  **Tiger Point
Community Center**
1370 Tiger Point Ln., Gulf Breeze
-  **Gulf Breeze Hospital**
1110 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze
-  **Quietwater Boardwalk Parking**
400 Quietwater Boardwalk
Pensacola Beach
-  **Avenida 11 at Via DeLuna**
127 Via De Luna, Pensacola Beach
-  **Palm Beach Club**
1390 Fort Pickens Rd., Gulf Breeze



Bus fares remain suspended as a result of damage to the Pensacola Bay Bridge. Riders may contact ECAT Customer service at (850) 595-3228.

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